Maryland Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Blood Lead Follow-Up for Children

For children 9 to 72 months old

Clinical interventions

	Blood Lead Level				
Intervention	10-14 μg/dL	15-19 μg/dL	20-44 μg/dL	45-69 μg/dL	>70 µg/dL
Track blood lead level	X	X	X	X	X
Educate to decrease exposure	X	X	X	X	X
Use flow sheet to identify trends	X	X	X	X	X
Evaluate/treat for iron deficiency		X	X	X	X
Take Environmental History		X	X	X	X
Complete medical/nutritional H&P			X	X	X
Obtain developmental/psychological evaluation			X	X	X
Consider chelation consultation			X	→	↓
Consult with lead specialist				X	X
Perform urgent chelation				X	X
Hospitalize: medical emergency					X

Elevated blood lead diagnostic and follow-up chart

Monitoring should be based on the most recent venous blood lead level				
Venous/Capillary blood lead level (ug/dL)	If Capillary, confirm diagnosis with venous within:	Monitor with a follow up venous blood level within:		
10-14	3 months	3 months		
15-19	1 month	2 months		
20-44	1 week	4-6 weeks		
45-69	Immediately as an emergency lab test; no more than 48 hours	Consult with specialty care center for further follow up		
>70	IMMEDIATELY	Consult with specialty care center for further follow up		

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